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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Applicants canceled claims 1-8, 10-13 and 18-33.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Mr. James R. Franks (attorney for applicants) on May 7, 2010.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Cancel Claim 9.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As previously indicated, none of the prior arts cited in the Final Office action teaches or suggests present fabrication method of claim 14.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sin J. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1333.

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The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am EST to 5:30 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly, can be reached on 571-272-1526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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/Sin J. Lee/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1795 May 7, 2010